

April 5, 2009 Sermon Notes: ----- Pastor Jack Bracy

It's All About Love

Preparing for 40 Days of Love

"Let love be your greatest aim." 1 Cor. 14:1 LB

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength... love your neighbor as yourself. There are no commands more important than these." Mark 12:30-31 NCV

"Everything you do must be done with love." 1 Cor. 16:14 NLT

The Basics of Love

We love because God loves us.

"Love comes from God...for God is love." 1 John 4:7-8 NLT

"We love because God first loved us." 1John 4:19 NIV

"We know and rely on the love God has for us." 1John 4:16a NIV

Love is a choice and a commitment.

"Choose to love the Lord your God...and commit yourself to him..." Deut. 30:20 NLT

Love is action, not just emotion.

"Let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth." 1 John 3:18 NIV

Love is a skill I can learn.

"Dear friends, let us practice loving each other, for love comes from God and those who are loving and kind show that they are the children of God, and that they are getting to know him better." 1 John 4:7 LB

"Practice these things and devote yourself to them, in order that your progress may be seen by all." 1 Tim. 4:15 TEV

Love is a habit..

"Continue to love each other with true Christian love." Heb 13:1 NLT

"If you only love those who love you, what credit is that to you?" Luke 6:32 NIV

"Test yourselves to make sure you are solid in the faith. Don't drift along taking everything for granted. Give yourselves regular checkups. You need firsthand evidence, not mere hearsay, that Jesus Christ is in you. Test it out. If you fail the test, do something about it," 2 Corinthians 13:5

Jesus: "By this shall all men know that you are my disciples, if you have love one to another." John 13:35 KJV

How to Become Great At Relationships

1. Commit to Growing.
2. Learn how Jesus did it.
3. Practice the skills.
4. Develop the habits.
5. Trust God to help.